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The State Journal is a member of the Associated Press and receives the full day telegraph report of that great news organization for exclusive afternoon publication in Topeka.

The news is received in the State Journal building over wires for this sole purpose, busy throughout the entire day. A complete copy of the night report is also received.

Next Tuesday the vote will be taken on the Isthmian canal treaty. That it will pass seems to be assured and "the dirt will fly," may be.

Enterprising manufacturers of "sore throat" remedies are missing a lot of good advertising by not securing a testimonial from Kaiser Wilhelm.

There seems to be a lull in the fighting. Perhaps both sides are waiting for the magazines and illustrated weeklies to catch up.

Washington Post: Senator Burton says he took cash from the St. Louis get-rich-quick concern only as a fee. He has not been accused of using force in the transaction.

Secretary Hay's treaty with China for an open port at Dally has struck a snag. Russia has possession of the town and refuses to allow an American consul to locate there.

The action of Congressman Shafroth in resigning a seat in congress to which he had been fraudulently chosen is receiving much praise from the newspapers. It would have appeared still more heroic if his party had been in the majority.

We can now see how the world would have felt towards us if we had pursued the same course in Cuba that has marked Russia's occupation of Manchuria. We kept our word, and Russia hasn't done so. Dishonesty and untruth in a nation are condemned just as loudly as they are in an individual.

The late Marcus A. Hanna is reported to have been possessed of wealth well into the millions, but nobody ever seemed to think of him as a rich man. He was loved and admired by many for various good qualities, and it does not appear that his money ever served to attach people to his business or political standards.

Russia may retire from Port Arthur and Vladivostok but she will come again. It might be years hence but the Russians are used to waiting. They have usually found ways for accomplishing their ends without much fighting. They didn't try to whip Napoleon. They allowed him to occupy Moscow and then set fire to the city.

The four thousand telephone girls in Germany are government employees. Each must be of good character and live in a respectable family. The pay is 53½ cents a day, with an advance of six cents in two years, and those four years in service secure 71 cents a day. Applicants for these positions usually wait two years for an opening.

The frauds in the election which resulted in a contest and the resignation of Congressman Shafroth of Colorado are said to have been perpetrated by women. The praise which Shafroth is now receiving indicates that the judgment of those women was all right even if their methods were reprehensible.

Everybody with a grudge against Russia seems ready to take advantage of her present engagement with Japan. The sultan, who has stood in awe of the czar, is feeling freedom from restraint and is preparing to settle old scores with Bulgaria. England sees a good opportunity to extend her Indian frontier, and is making war preparations in anticipation of eventualities. Even Finland would like to put a lick against her oppressor if she had any guns.

## TEMPERANCE THOUGHTS.

Noticable among the sentiments that were most applauded in the speeches before the Kansas State Temperance union's annual convention this week in Topeka was the advocacy of the idea of carrying prohibition into politics as a municipal, state and national issue. Temperance "work," the holding of lectures, the taking of statistics and the distributions of pledges and tracts, is also a part of the energies of the temperance movement of today but no proposition to increase the number of lectures or the yearly output of tracts and pledges received the hearty endorsement that was given General John G. Woolley's advice to make the church people who vote some other way climb down and vote for prohibition or get out of the party. To the assertion of the disbeliever that prohibition is impractical, the temperance union assenting back the reply that it proposes to make it practical. It may take a thousand years but the temperance people can wait.

No one recognized more distinctly than the prohibitionist that prohibition, as it is known today, does not profit. It may be because of the connivance

of officers of the law that the law itself is nullified but he knows it is. He believes that until people no longer recognize the use of intoxicating liquor as a thing to be regarded with leniency will his campaign for prohibition be successful. But he regards the assistance of state and national legislation against the saloon as the best and most expeditious assistant in his campaign for moral support. That is why he is up to date prohibitionist is going in for politics. While doing what he can to discourage the appetite for liquor he intends to put himself in a position where he can check its sale. He recognizes that that day is a long way in the future but he will work toward it and pass his campaign on to the succeeding generation.

The prohibitionist deserves this commendation: He is working for a cause from which he can expect to gain little emolument or fame. The liquor appetite which has lived through many centuries will probably live through many to come and the people who in this generation inaugurated the campaign against it will have been forgotten by the generation which witnesses its final annihilation. The thing with which the people of Kansas should concern themselves now is the enforcement of the laws as they exist and they will have done their duty.

## WATERWORKS SITUATION.

There is really no reason to get excited about this waterworks business. The city has made some important discoveries as a result of the fire of Feb. 13, but they do not prove that the plant of the Topeka Water company is worthless, or that the city has been horribly swindled.

At the very worst they merely prove that the Water company was trying to beat the city out of about \$1,000 worth of repairs which should have been made on the plant months ago. This effort—if such an effort was really being made—would result in a \$400,000 fire loss, and nobody would regret it much if the water company could be held legally liable for this loss. But it does not justify the howl of "robbery," "gold brick" and "hold up." The waterworks deal is a good deal like a David Harum boss trade, and the waterworks company was probably working its end of the transaction on the theory of trade as propounded by the immortal Dave.

Last Saturday's fire resulted in a very painful exposure. The water company explained its failure by an unexpected accident to one of the boilers which cut down the steam. But this was not satisfactory; it did not account for the generally insufficient pressure since the June flood. People were not only interested; they were excited. They wanted to do something violent to the water company, and the first thing that occurred to them was to break off the deal for the purchase of the water plant.

It is a peculiar thing about people that when they are interested in anything, the market value of every remark made on that particular subject takes a tremendous boom. Things which might be said a dozen times a day under ordinary conditions become of vital and momentous importance when said at just the nick of time.

So it happened in Topeka. All the old "statements" and "opinions" and things which the newspapers had been printing from public officials for the past year, and which the newspaper reading public had been carefully failing to read because they had something to do with the waterworks, or water pressure, were dug up by the aforesaid officials, and eagerly gobbled up by the public as something quite new and exciting.

Pretty soon all this revamped matter will be run out, and then the city officials can get down to business and buy the waterworks decently and quietly, as it should do. This should be done after the company has been forced to make all the needed repairs, and perhaps a few others on the side, just to teach it not to get funny. When you catch a fellow trying to ham-string you, it is a good time to go after him and remind him of his sins. But the city of Topeka is still in favor of city ownership of waterworks by a good safe majority.

## THINKS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

The State Journal presents to the people of Kansas today a statement concerning the taxation matter which is now agitating the taxpayers of the state. This statement is given in detail, accompanied by a table showing the action of the state board of equalization with reference to each county, and every taxpayer can figure out for himself just how his county is affected. The fact is the case does not reflect any great credit upon the state board of equalization. State Treasurer Kelly was chairman of this board, and it is generally believed that he is chiefly responsible for the injustice which was done. He had had four years' experience in the state treasurer's office dealing with these matters, while the other two members of the board were new at the business. It would look as though Mr. Kelly had simply "worked" the other members. He raised the total state tax of his own county, Miami, only 2.9 per cent, while the average raise for the state was 3.41 per cent. He made a reduction of 10 per cent. In the assessed valuation of Miami county, offered the same to Auditor Wells for his county, and got Secretary Burrow to make a 50 per cent. reduction in the personal property assessment of Smith county. This practically relieved these counties of the increased burden of taxes, and it tied up Mr. Burrow and Mr. Wells to Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Kelly brazenly stated that he lowered the assessment in his own county for political purposes to aid him in carrying the county, but the people of Miami county do not seem to approve of such methods. They do not wish to escape paying their due proportion of the state's expenses, when it does an injustice to the rest of the state, and they are overwhelmingly against Kelly, notwithstanding his manipulation of the assessments returned by the county clerks.

In some counties the assessed valuation was increased more than a million dollars, and the net increase in the

state was nearly \$23,000,000. At the same time the assessment on the railroads was actually decreased. If the railroads had been compelled to pay even their proportion of the increase, it would have cost them more than \$180,000. Is it any wonder that the railroads would like to see Mr. Kelly re-elected state treasurer? Or is it any wonder that they can afford to contribute liberally to a fund which has in view the re-nomination of the officials who aided them in saving this \$180,000?

## OBSERVATIONS ABOUT KELLY

Coffeyville Journal: Democratic papers in the state are trying to educate the people to believe that Hoch and the Republican party are supporters of Senator Burton and Tom Kelly. There may be a few individuals in the state who will back these gentlemen up but Hoch is eminently too fair a man and of too much honesty to enter into such a thing.

Graham County Recorder: With Ed Hoch at the head and T. T. Kelly eliminated the Republicans will have a strong state ticket. With Kelly left on the reform proposition is too bald a proposition to receive notice.

Overbrook Citizen: Our idea of purity in politics is that the nominee for treasurer as well as the candidate for governor shall be an honest man.

Pleasanton Herald: Governor Bailey has withdrawn as a candidate for governor. This leaves the field clear to Ed Hoch of Marion. Mr. Hoch is a gentleman who will make a governor all right but he is not a politician. Now if Tom Kelly will show the good judgment displayed by the governor, all will be harmony in the ranks of the Republican party. Will he do it, or will the Republicans have to kick him out?

Effingham New Leaf: E. W. Hoch is stumping Kansas in the interest of Pure Politics. He was in Miami county yesterday, helping get that county in line for Tom Kelly, the Republican boss buster who was convicted of embezzling money while he was county clerk of Miami county. Did you hear Good Ed Hoch condemn Senator Burton in his Atchison speech? Have you ever heard of him demanding, for the good of the party, that Burton be laid aside?

Troy Chief: The man who preaches reform, who talks against grafts and against "machines" with one breath and with the next urges you to "line up" for Tom Kelly is a twin brother to the scarlet woman who preaches virtue and good morals. Honest Ed Hoch?

Coffeyville Independent: Butler and Pawnee county conventions could swallow Hoch Saturday, but Tom Kelly made them sick. Poor Tom. Only the clique running the "anti-machine" can save the defaulter—for a re-nomination.

Shawnee County News: Kelly was convicted of forgery and embezzlement by the commissioners of his home county. Kelly beat the people out of at least \$5,000 a year interest on the state deposits when he defeated the Goebel bill in the senate last winter, and it is alleged that this \$5,000 finds its way into Kelly's pockets. He beat the counties of the state out of a large amount of interest in the same way when he killed the Francis amendment to the state tax bill. He raised the taxes on farm property many hundred thousand dollars and not a cent on the railroads. And yet the pushers behind the purifying political lawn mower are trying to get this man nominated and expect him to sneak into office under the coat tails of the righteous Mr. Hoch.

Jewell Republican: State Treasurer Kelly has no more right to the interest on half a million dollars of the state's money than he has to the money itself. When he appropriates this big sum to his own use he pockets money that belongs to the state of Kansas. Other men have done just what Kelly is doing, but no honest man ever did it. Honest men do not take money that belongs to other people simply because they get a chance.

Holton Recorder: When the late Senator Ingalls said that "the purification of politics was an iridescent dream," he possibly had with a prophetic vision of Ed Hoch yoked with Tom Kelly going forth in the purifying business.

Bellefonte Telescope: We are getting reports from all parts of the county which indicate that State Treasurer Kelly will have mighty few friends in the county convention next Saturday.

Arkansas City Traveler: We cannot understand how the people will uphold a man like Tom Kelly and turn down a man like Governor Bailey. The former has admitted that he was guilty of forgery in the county records while he was clerk. Against the latter there never was a charge of dishonesty. Really the only charge that can be brought against Bailey is that he stood by his friends.

## JAYHAWKER JOTS.

Solomon has dogs to bark. The Chanute jail is without a prisoner.

Two men met at Troy this week that last saw each other at Lincoln's funeral. Leap year has developed the fact that Severance has forty-nine old maids and one bachelor.

The physicians state the smallpox cases at Bellevue were very light. More likely they were varicella.

A Brown county mail carrier has been on his "beat" seven years without missing a day.

Promoters of a proposed southeast Kansas tennis league are making considerable racket.

Editor Greer seems to have gotten in front of the Hackney automobile down in Cowley county.

A Wichita girl, who is not overly popular, has so many rings that she considers herself a bell.

By lively work the Wakefield farmers hope to get the old corn out of the field in time for the new.

"Ten Nights in a Barroom" was so warm a production at Sabetha that the asbestos curtain caught fire.

They had a wedding over at Troy which Editor Badger styled a "military affair." The marshal was the man behind the gun.

Hustling in the haymow before daylight for 30 cent eggs caused a Blaine

farmer to push his foot around a couple of pitchfork times.

The evidence in the Dewey case at Norton Friday showed "that we fighting men must stand together."

Hoch and Folk are to be at the Ottawa Chautauqua. Will that detract from the world's fair attendance?

Every few days people rushing around on business die of heart disease. A faithful count of the Topeka policemen show none missing.

A kitchen is being built in connection with the Burlington Presbyterian church. The oyster is expected to sizzle there and not the sinner.

Clay Center is still holding Washington socials, although the brave old patriot has been under the rod these hundred years and more.

GLOBE SIGHTS.

[From the Atchison Globe.] They told of an Atchison woman who, instead of washing her neck, powders it.

After we have had one mouthful of salad, we spend the rest of the day in trying to guess what was in it.

When a man gets a vicious valentine, and laughs at it, he doesn't mean the laugh, but it is a credit to him.

An Atchison woman looks so meek and subdued that many people think she has a mean husband. Her husband is all right, but the woman has had three steamboats.

An order put up yesterday by the McKee Drug company included Russian grip cure and Japanese salve, and a package of Uncle Sam Condition powders was thrown in to keep them quiet.

Mrs. Lysander John Appleton, who is interested in all public affairs, wanted to give a party in which she would show her colors in the far east war. After thinking it over, she decided that she would give a Japanese party, for the reason that rice is so much cheaper than caviar.

An Atchison woman offered her paper carrier an extra three times, but he refused to bring it in. Then she sent it in by mail. It was not much of a personal item, as it told of a party at the woman's house four days before, but we printed it to be obliging. Then she called us up by telephone, and made a "tuss," just to act coy.

Ever think of the number of words beginning with D that are significant to the old? Distress, defeat, depressed, disgrace, degrade, detestable, despondent, dull, death, don't, down, dark, disheartened, devil, disappointed, dreary, dunkey, delay, dim, dunce, deserted, duplicity, disturbed, disabled, decay, damage, and dozens of others.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[From the Chicago News.]

If a woman paints she should abandon the tear-shedding habit.

A man with a cloven habit ought to be in the spicy speaker class.

Love may be blind, but there is always a spark of feeling between lovers. Few married women would flirt were it not for the indifference of husbands.

When it comes to acquiring a knowledge of schoolbooks the small boy prefers about treatment.

An Ohio woman holds the record. After driving her husband to drink she got a divorce, then married him again to reform him.

One touch of nature may make the whole world kin, but two touches of your fellow man would indicate that you are an easy mark.

Don't think because a name looks attractive on a visiting card that the paying teller of a bank would recognize it at the bottom of a check.



K-vestion for Annie Efa Fay: Vere iss der corpse of der reform movement started by Dockler Mick Farlandt und hiss pupil editoriums?

Dey say "Der Vater Works"—but it don't, neider dees id spin, but Soly-



man, mit all hiss glory und puiness apitly, nefer hiked hiss valuationing like deese.

Ve observation from der headlines mit a resent dispage dot Capting Steppingoff uf der Yenisel was hoist mit hiss own Petard. Local mechanical experts say dot der Petard iss a fery inferior kind of elevator, und candt get patent-rights mit der United States, bud id seems to haf id der work all right mit der Rooshan capting. A late dispage dis afternoon says id dot der capting iss still op in der air about der uffair.

Der prunesial knock on Mr. Hanna seems to haf been dot he vas a more intelligence-ness den der knockers.

Uf der saymenting dot all tings came to him vat vaits, vas der bible in, ve might dake id for a promiss dot ve vill ged eveyding ve want in heafon, Der saying certainly dondt make good on dis earth. A long-time-dead-ness iss about all dot comes to der vaaitid, Id les a goot time to get bitzy vye you vaat.

"Ach, Helmel, dot id should haf came to deese," says Gus Gobbelsstein-hauser es he look ad der morning offoesial organ uf der "bunch." "Dey halfalmost-darfed der blaes vere dey vill likon der persecocushun uf Tom Kelly to der von used so successfulnessly on Mary K-veen uf Scotch."

Id les said on goot authoritidy dot Dowle, Ellchaw-dree-spot, was greatly

mofed py der demonstration uf der beopies of Sydney, Australia.

Deres a dime ven some pedestrians pelief dey haf a kick A-caming on der svveder-man, vat prings der snow und sleet;



Id iss ven dey vaik der main-stem und der pave iss smoot' und slick A boddle in deir pocket, BUT NO RUB-BER ON DEIR FEET!

## QUAKER REFLECTIONS.

[From the Philadelphia Record.] A clear conscience needs no filtration. Going to pink teas isn't apt to color a man's nose.

The more friends a man has the more money he lends.

The thief regards a policeman as a foeman worthy of his steel.

When a woman wants to kill time she just knocks off a few birthdays.

The fellow who is stuck on himself is never at a loss for good company.

It's hard to make a new man of an old one, but it's different with women.

The susceptible swain who falls dead in love will eventually come to life again.

Many a fellow who thinks he is a budding genius develops into a blooming idiot.

Some people meet misfortune with a "smile" by drowning their sorrow in the flowing bowl.

"Time is money," remarked the Wise Guy. "Yes, and the man who worships money may also serve time," murmured the Simple Muck.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

[From the New York Press.] It is a good deal easier to make money than to save it.

Marrying for money is as easy as cashing counterfeit bills at a bank. It is not courage to admonish the cook, it is suaid-l' respectability.

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